

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 168

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION To recognize Wendy LeQuire on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, At a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young ladies with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Wendy LeQuire, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Gold Award honors girls who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, To attain the award, a Senior Girl Scout must earn four interest patches, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge pin, the Career Exploration pin, and the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work involving leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these seven recognitions, she must plan and carry out a Girl Scout Gold Award project, which requires at least 50 hours of work; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients are eligible for special college scholarships, are recognized by the United States government, and have preferred status when applying for jobs with many prospective employers; and

WHEREAS, For her Gold Award project, Wendy created a brochure containing information on Tennessee's natural symbols that Keep Blount Beautiful will distribute throughout

the community and to visitors; this exceptional brochure will help to make people aware of the natural beauty that exists in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Deana and Craig LeQuire, Wendy is a student at Maryville High School, where she has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among her peers; and

WHEREAS, A junior honors student, Wendy is an accomplished scholar and softball player and has participated in many Fellowship of Christian Athletes activities and Key Club events; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Wendy was selected by the national Christian publication *Brio* to be a participant in an international mission trip to Brazil, where she ministered to people through drama performances; and

WHEREAS, Since her trip, Wendy has sponsored a Brazilian boy with monthly contributions, which enable him to receive education and other necessities; she hopes to participate in another mission trip this summer in Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Wendy as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Wendy LeQuire for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate her on her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.